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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/607,004

Applicants: Takashi HONDA, et al.

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For: MAGNETIC HEAD SUPPORTING MECHANISM,
MAGNETIC HEAD APPARATUS, HEAD
ACTUATOR USING THE MAGNETIC HEAD
APPARATUS AND MAGNETIC RECORDING
APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: Craig A. RENNER

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 16, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-12, 18, and 19, for examination on the merits in the present application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse because, according to MPEP § 803:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

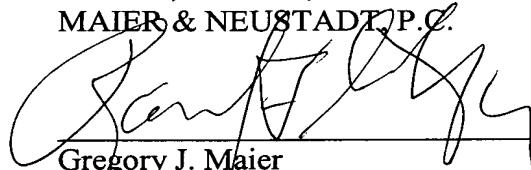
Although the Office Action has identified separate classifications, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner; whereas it would be a

serious burden on Applicants to prosecute and maintain separate applications on the restricted inventions.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-21 be conducted.

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